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An appeal is made to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner.

A Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Please charge the see provided in 37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1), and if necessary, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2004 originally required a reply by September 2, 2004.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended two months from September 2, 2004 until November 2, 2004 under the provisions of Rule 136(s). Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$430.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

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